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A Message from the President

A dream came true in 2018! With the help of great ideas and guidance provided by many well wishers, the dream evolved into an active, not for profit organization over the next three years. As someone in the medical field, this venture gave me an opportunity to meet many wonderful and committed individuals outside the field of healthcare.

Our contributions have funded many educational programs in and outside the United States. All international charities were submitted via a U.S.-based tax exempt organization based in Washington D.C. In the future, we would like to fully structure two programs; one for volunteers, and the second, summer internships.

Many thanks to all donors, members of the Board of Directors, all consultants, accountants, legal counsel, volunteers, friends, and our very first administrative assistant.

- Nasima Banerjee

Financials

2018

Receipts...\$100, 075.00 (to establish organization)
Distributions...0
Payments/Fees...0

2019

Receipts...\$6,000.00
Distributions...\$5,600.00 (to Kolkata, India via
Global Giving in Washington, D.C.)
Payments/Fees...\$184.00 (stationery)

2020

Receipts...\$12,754.00
Distributions...\$8,650.00 (see details in this report)
Payments/Fees...\$2,625.00 (computer systems, web
site and logo design, research for
distribution opportunities)

2021

Ongoing

Our Work

Boys and Girls Club

Bristol, Connecticut

The Boys and Girls Club operates out of Bristol, Connecticut, and provides many programs, events, and summer camps available to the surrounding community. All of the programs foster a safe environment and sense of belonging, both to the community and to the world around that. Through this, the programs allow the children who participate to feel supported in their own area. The programs also foster a sense of pride and inspiration. A healthy lifestyle is also developed through the equipment and classes provided. Just this year, yoga saw its debut at the Boys and Girls Club!

More information on the club can be found at www.bbhc.org.

Charter Oak Cultural Center

Hartford, Connecticut

The Charter Oak Cultural Center, housed in Connecticut's oldest synagogue, came about in 2001 in Hartford, Connecticut, after the building had been restored in the '70s by a small group of Jewish activists. The Center now offers free arts education to over 1,000 Hartford children in the local community including visual arts, drama, dance, yoga, and martial arts. It is now a multicultural arts center doing the work of social justice through the arts. Specifically, the Banerjee Education Foundation is working to support the Cultural Center in its efforts to provide music lessons for young people in the community. Not only do the students learn a new artistic skill, but the social and emotional growth fostered in a safe environment by positive role models is invaluable.

More information on the center can be found at www.charteroakcenter.org.

A Discussion About: The Charter Oak Cultural Center of Hartford, Connecticut

What kind of educational services are provided to the Cultural Center with the funds from the Banerjee Education Foundation (BEF)?

The Cultural Center provides a multitude of different arts classes, including dance, drama, visual arts, etc. The BEF specifically donates funds to the music programs, where students can learn guitar, violin, and other instruments. Piano is often the most popular.

What else is supported by the funds raised by BEF?

There are many wonderful people that contribute to the work that happens at the Charter Oak Cultural Center, including hiring teachers, buying equipment, planning lessons, and parent communication.

How do the students at the Cultural Center come to be involved with the programs?

Over 150 organizations work with the Cultural Center for outreach.

What is the Cultural Center's impact on the community?

Beyond learning an artistic skill, the children develop a lifelong appreciation of the arts. The Cultural Center provides a safe space for learning and growth that the children will take out into the world with them.

The Branch Foundation

Chiangmai, Thailand

The Branch Foundation operates in Chiangmai, Thailand. Of particular note is the Koung Jor Shan Refugee Camp along the Thai-Burma border. The camp was established in 2002 after violence between the Burmese military and Shan State Army forced refugees to flee to northern Thailand. In addition to providing basic necessities at the Refugee Camp, the Branch Foundation also works to provide educational services to the young girls and boys. Classes, as well as workshops to train additional teachers, are essential to building a network for education among the refugees. Finally, the foundation supports local sustainable initiatives to improve energy-efficient infrastructure. The Branch Foundation ensures that marginalized people can take advantage of the projects and opportunities available in the community.

More information can be found at www.thebranchfoundation.org



Pictured Above: A Burmese grandmother giving a blessing at the Koung Jor Shan Refugee Camp.

Trivandrum Don Bosco Veedu Society

Kerala, India

The Don Bosco Veedu Society works to provide free Chenda, an Indian percussion instrument, and tuition to learn to play, to 17 children living in slum areas. These Chenda classes are available as long as the student is enrolled in formal schooling as well, encouraging attendance of school while also providing a new, artistic skill. The students then also participate in temple and school festivals, Catholic feasts, fostering a sense care and belonging in the community. The children are also able to pursue earning, or even a career path, through Chenda playing. The program supports and fosters positive movement in both social and economic growth.

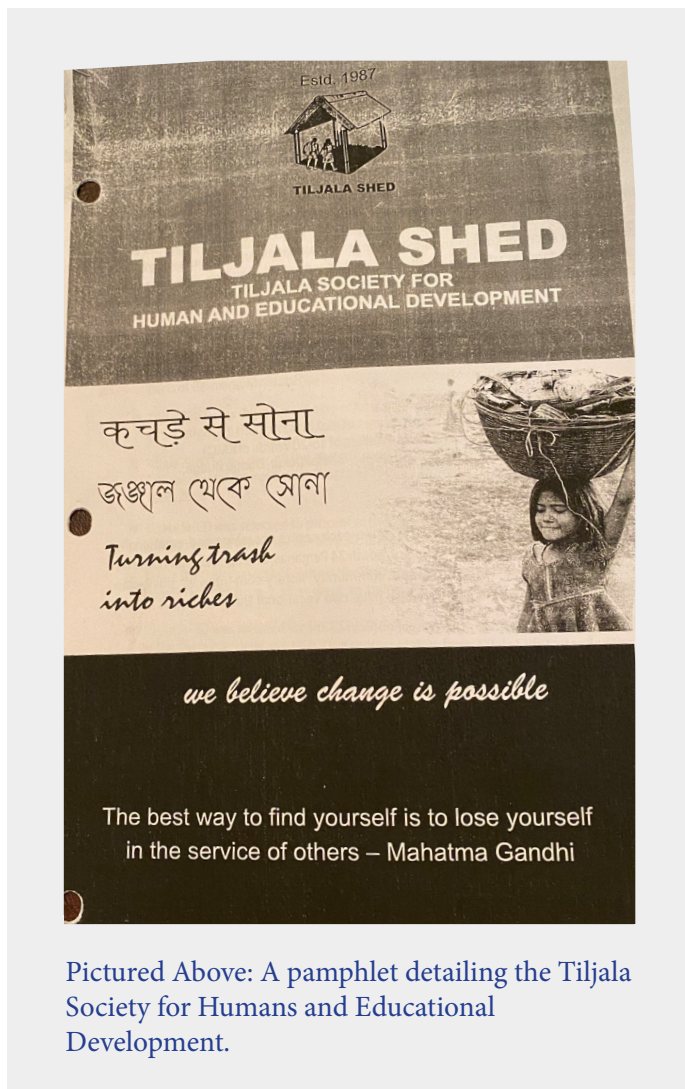
More information can be found at www.globalgiving.org and searching “Trivandrum Don Bosco Veedu Society”.

Tiljala Society for Humans and Educational Development

Kolkata, India

The Tiljala Society for Humans and Educational Development operates out of Kolkata, India and works to empower girls in poverty. The Society was founded in 1987 by youth from Tiljala. The program sponsors girls, allowing them to attend schooling and further education and training to provide them with the skills to become financially independent. The program even gives the girls access to a library and resource center. The families are also given a small monthly stipend by the foundation. By gaining financial independence, the girls have the choice to delay or decide against marriage, earn a living, and build up financial savings. This allows the girls to have control over their health and choices made concerning their health.

More information can be found at www.tished.org.



Pictured Above: A pamphlet detailing the Tiljala Society for Humans and Educational Development.

Our Story

The Banerjee Education Foundation is an American non-profit organization dedicated to supporting global education and arts-based programs, founded in 2018 by Dr. Nasima Banerjee. Dr. Banerjee was made aware of inequalities in educational resources at a very early age during her time as a middle school student in Kolkata, India. The current programs within the Foundation focus primarily on projects in India and the United States.

Get Involved

Do not hesitate to contact the Banerjee Education Foundation for information on how you can further support these important causes at info@banerjeeeducation.org, or feel free to visit us at www.banerjeeeducation.org.

To Our Donors

The Banerjee Education Foundation deeply appreciates the generosity and involvement of people like you, with every contribution furthering our mission of furthering education access and equality.

Goals: Into the Future

Charter Oak Cultural Center:	Provide 100 free music lessons for Hartford area inner-city children in 2021.
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The Branch Foundation:	Support of education of Burmese refugee children and teacher training at the Shan refugee Camp.
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Tijala Society for Human and Educational Development:	Support of teachers for the after school and after work programs.
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Boys & Girls Club of Bristol:	Support of Fall yoga and robotics programs.
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In addition, the Banerjee Education Foundation a volunteer-driven education team and a summer internship program in order to promote education at all ages. These goals remain important to the vision, mission, and values of the organization.

Our Vision

Our vision is to increase global access to education and arts programs for marginalized and at-risk communities.

Our Mission

Our mission is to improve livelihoods through the provision of funding for education and arts pathways by supporting a variety of programs in the United States and abroad.

Our Values

We value honesty and transparency.

Our Goals

We will be setting goals for next year at the last meeting of the Board of the year.